

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2019

The South Dakota Brand Board met on March 27, 2019. Members present were Bart Blum, Scott Vance, Lyla Hutchison, and Myron Williams. Wanda Blair was absent. Brand Board staff present were Debbie Trapp and Bob Haivala. Del Bartels was also present.

Vice Pres.Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Williams to adopt the agenda with the amendment of tabling Hold # BB376 per the request of the producer who is unable to attend, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #376– St Onge Livestock – Philip Livestock – 47 Steers. Motion by Hutchison, to table Hold BB #376, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #384– St Onge Livestock – One Bull. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$1,044.00 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Hutchison. Motion carried

Hold Hearing BB #385– St Onge Livestock – One Sorrel Gelding. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Blum to escheat \$270.70 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Hutchison. Motion carried

Hold Hearing BB #394– Philip Livestock – One Horned Steer. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Hutchison to escheat \$741.35 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Blum. Motion carried

Hold Hearing BB #399 – Martin Livestock – One Calf. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$255.74 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Blum. Motion carried

Motion by Hutchison to approve minutes of the December 5, 2018 meeting with the correction to the spelling of Mastel, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information as of February 28, 2019. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$296,426.00; Brand Inspection Fund \$805,758.91; Theft and Prevention Fund \$237,961.74. Motion by Blum to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Director Trapp gave the DCI Livestock Investigator report: - A producer transported 197 head out of the inspection area with no inspection – Fined \$500.00 plus \$68.50 cost - Class 2 Misdemeanor; Another individual transported a horse out of the inspection area - Plea Hearing is set for April 2nd – the individual has prior convictions; Trial Date is set for June 27, 2019 for Joshua Nygaard – charged with stealing 29 head of heifers and selling them at Mitchell Livestock; Zilverberg has submitted a case to the Fall River State Attorney regarding an individual who left the inspection area without an inspection on approximately 250 head - A

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violation inspection was done on 731 head as the livestock had been mixed with other livestock in Nebraska.

Director Trapp presented the Brand Inspection Report: February Livestock Markets – 108,398 head; Locker Plants 396 head, Locals – 35,920 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 36 head, for a total of 144,750 head. Year to Date Inspections are 1,193,940 head compared to 1,342,724 at this time last year.

Director Trapp gave the Director’s Report: Legislatures approved the FY 20 budget with a 2.5% salary increase for state employees; Strategic Planning for improving efficiencies in the brand programs; adding instruction sheet for brand applications; Chief Brand Inspector Bothwell is attending Law Enforcement Training and will be done the first part of June; Mitten Software will begin updating software for brand program.

Senate Bill 149 has been signed by the Governor. Motion by Williams to recommend the following fee increases at the Administrative Rules Hearing: Brand Registration - \$50.00, Brand Renewal - \$18.00 per year or \$90.00 for five years, Brand Transfer - \$50.00, Duplicate Certificate - \$20.00, Brand Application - \$40.00, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Next meeting set for Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Open Comment – Attorney Haivala reported he spoke at the Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference held in Deadwood on February 2, 2019.

Motion by Hutchison to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 2:40 p.m., second by Vance. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 3:21 p.m.

As no other business came before the board, motion by Williams to adjourn the meeting, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Scott Vance, Vice President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.